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Fair and continued cold tonight. Lowest temperature tonight about 4 degrees. Tuesday not quite as cold; northwest gale diminishing. High tides 3:55 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sun rose 7:11 and sets 5:31.

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PHILADELPHIA IS SAFE

American Liner Reached Liverpool Last Night—Report That Berlin is About to Make Concessions.

New York, Feb. 5.—The American Line today announced the arrival of the liner Philadelphia at Liverpool at 11 o'clock last night and the arrival of the Finland at 8 a. m. today at the same port.

The steamer New York sailed at 5:30 yesterday afternoon from Liverpool for New York, carrying 110 first-class passengers, sixty-seven second-class, and fifty-four third class.

Berlin, Feb. 5. (Delayed).—Every American in Berlin is preparing for war between the United States and Germany.

News of the break in diplomatic relations was first printed in an extra issued at noon yesterday by the Berliner Zeitung Ammittag.

The report spread like wildfire through Berlin. Americans telephoned the grave news to each other and called up the American embassy for further information.

Up to 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Ambassador Gerard had not received official notification of the break. At that time, however, he went for an hour's conference with German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman. When he returned his manner was grave.

London, Feb. 5.—Wireless messages from Berlin today said:

"Negotiations are proceeding as to further concessions in the U-boat warfare, without prejudicing its purposes."

London, Feb. 5.—Spain will follow the United States against Germany even as far as declaring war, according to a wireless dispatch received from Rome today, quoting the Spanish ambassador there.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—American Ambassador Gerard received the United States Government's formal telegram withdrawing him from Berlin, at 10 o'clock last night.

He delivered the American Government's statement to Foreign Secretary Zimmerman at 11 o'clock this morning, and asked for his passports.

Many Americans here believe the recall of Gerard is only a preliminary to a state of actual war.

Ambassador Gerard had an hour's conference with German Foreign Secretary Zimmerman yesterday before he had received the message from Washington.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Washington today passed into the most critical period existing since the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

The five days' limit allowed by Germany for American and other neutral vessels to get out of the submarine war zone expires today.

From now on, according to the terms of her warning, any American merchant vessel found in the prohibited area, unless she complies with the conditions prescribed for travel along a specified route between New York and Falmouth, will be sunk.

Diplomatic relations were broken by the United States on the assumption that this means a deliberate revocation of the German pledges and a return to the ruthless warfare under which innocent merchant vessels, passenger and freight, are to be sunk without warning.

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The Annual Meeting

of the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Hospital, will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday, February 5th., at 8 p. m., when officers' reports will be read and officers and an Executive Committee will be elected. 29-3t.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

VIRGINIANS ARE READY

Colonel Dempsey, of Alexandria, in Richmond Conferring With Military Authorities of State.

While no statement of any sort can be obtained from the office of the adjutant general regarding the possibility of war, or touching any orders looking to preparations for the mobilization of Virginia troops, it is plain that the receipt of such orders is expected, and that if they are not received the surprise will be great. General Sale was on duty yesterday in Richmond with his clerical force, Colonel C. A. Dempsey, retired officer of the United States army, is also constantly on duty, Communications from the departments at Washington and from the department of the east are coming in every day, but the contents are understood to be "touching routine matters" for the most part.

It was pointed out that in case the state is called on for troops that the men can be had in Richmond in short order; that there wil be no waste of time in preparing Camp Stuart for the uses of the men. There are sewers and water and lights already on the grounds, and many buildings which were placed there last year, a large number of them beyond the grounds proper, and these could be moved and rebuilt in a few days. Railroad tracks are alongside the camp site, and the men could be brought here and placed in camp at short notice.

Many of the commands have their equipment already packed and ready for shipment, and the arrangements for feeding and housing the men would be the work of a short time. There are ample stores of all sorts within reach and the men could be made more comfortable here than at any other point in the state and at far less expense. There would be no more mudlakes to contend with, as the drainage is right and the ground is firm. It is believed that if the Second regiment is ordered from the border, instead of being discharged from the federal service the men will be put in camp here.

Major T. M. Wortham, of the field artillery, Virginia national guard, yesterday sent to Adjutant General Sale a pointed denial of the report that his command is under quarantine because of the prevalence of spinal meningitis among the men.

Virginia, in case of a war of serious proportions, will be expected to furnish an army of 300,000 men, this number being fixed by the plans of the general staff. Of course such a number of men would not be expected at the first call, but would be called out gradually. Under the National Defense act, practically all able-bodied men, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years of age, would be subject to military duty.

GERMAN SOLDIERS DESERT.

Many Captured by the British Declare That They "Lost Their Way."

London, Feb. 5.—A correspondent writing from the front about the increase in German prisoners taken by the English, says many of the so-called captures were really desertions from the Teuton lines. He says:

"It is true that all of them were not actually professing to surrender; many of them said that they had "lost their way," and in some places, owing to the maze of trenches on both fronts and to the fact that here and there they actually communicate, it is possible to make a mistake and walk into an enemy outpost.

"All one can say is that it is a kind of mistake which the Germans have been making very consistently of late and that our men do not make.

In one case a German officer with a party of men came thus on a small post in the British lines and told the men who were holding it, and who were in a very considerable minority to surrender. 'I don't think,' or words to that effect, constituted the brief reply, followed by a sharp summons to the Germans to surrender, upon which the German soldiers to a man threw down their rifles and held up their hands.

"The German officer, thus apparently left in the lurch, said that he supposed he must surrender, too, and they were all brought in. You may regard that as a set performance or a genuine surprise, but in either case it does not seem to indicate any very great stomach for fighting. It is typical of what is happening up and down the line—much more on some fronts than on others, according to the state of the enemy's morals and to the degree of nagging discomfort to which he is being subjected by our raids and artillery. But few German prisoners make any but the thinnest sort of pretense of being anything but heartily sick of the war and glad to be on what has become the safe and comfortable side of the lines."

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Alexandria hospital will be held this evening in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, at 8 o'clock. Matters of special importance are to be brought up for consideration therefore it is hoped that a full attendance will be present

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, February 6, at which time their state commander, Miss England, will meet with them to make arrangements for their state rally. Every member is urgently requested to be present. The meeting is called for 7:45 p .m., sharp

The members of the Alexandria Light Infantry are manifesting much interest in the possible outcome of the break between the United States and Germany. Though the boys have only nicely gotten settled in their old positions since their arrival home from the border, everyone is ready to fall into ranks again if need be, and Captain Conrad Johnson says that it would not be at all difficult to obtain more recruits should the company be ordered into active service. The regular weekly drill will take place this evening.

Mrs. Lucy A. Hammill, aged 75, wife of Edward Hammill, of Occoquan, died Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John L. Sinclair, 308 East Capitol street, Washington. The body was brought to this city to Wheatley's undertaking rooms from which place the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Rev. E. V. Register, of Del Ray, will officiate. The deceased is survived by her husband, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Lillian Hammill, of Washington, and three sons, Reuben, Wade and Paul Hammill of Occoquan. A daughter, Mrs. Carrie Grimes and her husband Joseph S. Grimes of this city, were killed at the grade crossing accident at Lorton, 13 miles south of Alexandria by a Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac train on December 21st.

At a meeting of citizens representing Fairfax county, Alexandria city and Alexandria county, held in the office of George K. Pickett, at the Federal Building Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing a division of horsemen to ride in the Inaugural parade on March the 5th, an organization was effected and it is hoped that at least one hundred men can be secured to take part. All men who desire to participate are requested to send their names to Mr. James W. Roberts, secretary of the meeting, care of The Citizens' National Bank, Alexandria, Virginia. Those who have horses are requested to notify Mr. Roberts how many they are willing to lend for use on this occasion. Those who have saddles and bridles that they care to put at the disposal of individuals desiring to participate are also requested to communicate with Mr. Roberts. A resolution was passed authorizing the printing and circulation of posters and of postal cards to persons located in distant points of Fairfax and Alexandria counties likely to participate, or who might have either horses or saddles and bridles that they would be willing to lend.

R. E. Lee Camp, United Confederate Veterans, will hold its regular pected to attend the annual convenmonthly meeting in Lee Camp Hall this evening.

Miss Mamie Lindsey has returned to her home on Braddock Heights, after a visit to Miss Mary Cheatwood, at her home in Lynchburg.

The lecture to have been given tonight at St. Mary's Academy by Mr. J. Fred Birrell has been postponed on account of the severe weather. The date will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Albert Smoot, Jr., and Master Albert Ansley Smoot left yesterday for a trip south, their first stop will be at Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C.

A committee of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society is arranging for a dance to be given on Tuesday, February 13, for the relief of an urgent case that has recently been reported to the society.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Alexandria Hospital will be held tonight at eight o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. A full attendance is desired as business of importance will come before the meeting.

The Rev. William Jackson Morton is confined to his home in North Washington street, by a severe attack of grip. The services in Christ Church were conducted yesterday morning by Mr. Goodwin and in the evening by Mr. Brown, of the graduating class of the Seminary.

There were over one hundred in attendance yesterday morning at Emmanuel Bible Class, Judge Louis C. Barley, teacher, in the Parish Hall of Christ Church. This evening the class will give an informal reception to the Rev. Gypsy Smith, Jr., in the Parish Hall. Each member of the class is entitled to one guest, the tickets of invitation were necessarily limited owing to the seating capacity of the hall.

The funeral of Robert Theodore Cook was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Theodore Cook, 308 Queen street, Rev. E. T. Kirkley, of the Methodist Protestant Church officiating. The pallbearers were William Craven, Harry Lyles, Joseph Woodfield, Joseph Burdette, Lester Cook, Justus Schneider. The interment was in the Methodist Protestant cemetery.

One hundred delegates are extion of the Alexandria Sunday School Association, composed of the Sunday Schools of the Protestant churches of the city, which will be held on February 27th in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. The opening session will be at 2:30 p. m., and will be presided over by Charles E. Pierpoint, the president of the association. The leaders of the five departments composing the association will read their reports at that session and officers will be chosen for the ensuing year. A rally will be held in the evening at which the Rev. H. D. Mitchell, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church South, Washington, will deliver an address on "Sunday School Efficiency."

Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Judge C. E. Nicol will leave tomorrow for Richmond to attend the meeting of the board of trustees of the Richmond and West Hampton colleges.

There were two cases on the docket of the Police Court this morning—both drunks. They left collateral for their appearance. One answered to his name this morning when the Police Court convened and was fined $5. The other forfeited his deposit by failing to put in his apparance.

Mrs. John N. Culbertson, a former missionary to India, spoke before a meeting of the members of the Epworth League at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, last evening. Mrs. Culbertson is president of the Woman's Interdenominational Missionary Union of Washington.

Mrs. Samuel Bendheim and Mrs. Louis Bendheim left yesterday for New York to spend the week buying spring goods. Mrs. Henry King, of Baltimore, is the guest of her brothers-in-law, Mr. Samuel Bendheim and Mr. Louis Bendheim, at their home in Prince street.

George Campbell, a highly respected colored man, the janitor of the Carlyle Apartments, died Saturday from pneumonia, and after funeral services in Demaine's Chapel this morning the body was sent to Mobile, Alabama, his former home, for burial. The wife and two small children of the deceased accompanied the remains.

Passengers arriving in this city from Washington Saturday night about 8:30 on the Washington-Virginia line, report that a bullet was fired through the windows of the car when it was passing a point known as Spring Park, near Union Station. Some thought it was a stone thrown through the window, but people in the street say they heard the report of a pistol shot in that vicinity at the time the cars were passing. Those on the car were considerably alarmed over the affair.

Tayloe Murphy came out winner in the declamation contest held by the Alexandria High School Literary society in the Trinity Methodist church Saturday evening. His subject was Robert Ingersoll's "Declaration of Independence." The other contestants were John Curtin, Waller Barrett and Willard Blewett. As a reward for his efforts Mr. Murphy will go to Richmond and represent the High School society at the annual inter-scholastic event which will take place on February 22d., in which students from the various high schools throughout the state will contest for honors. Mis Gladys Rodgers and William Morton, who took the negative side of the question discussed in the debating contest, were declared the winners. Elwin Brawner and Hugh Murphy had the affirmative side. The winners are to be given a prize by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The subject up for debate was to the effect that the federal government should own and control the telephone and telegraph lines of the United States. Frank C. Steward and Norman A. Fufburro of Washington and John M. Johnson of this city were judges of the affair. A capacity audience was present to listen to the young people.

Bomb In Customs House.

New York, Feb. 5.—Tenseness about the New York customs house was increased today with the discovery that destruction of part of the building was narrowly averted Saturday when two employes found a lighted bomb in a room directly under Port Collector Malone's private office.

The building had been under the strictest guard since a break with Germany became apparent. Secret Service men declared they knew of no strangr who had entered the building.

See Linton, at Bloudheim's old stand, City Market, for meats, Auth's Provisions, etc.

Died—Mrs. Lucy Ashby Hammill, wife of Edward Hammill, Saturday, February 3rd. Funeral Tuesday 2 p. m. from Wheatley's Chapel. 31-1t.

MONEY TO LOAN—On first mortgage in Alexandria and Rosemont. Apply to Howard W. Smith, 107 north Fairfax street. 1-12-tf.

WOMEN WORK ON RAILROAD.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The Vossische Zeitung reports that the number of women employed by the German state railroads has reached 25,000 and still is growing. About 70 per cent of the women are telegraph and telephone operators, or clerks in ticket, freight and administrative offices, but a large number perform heavy manual labor.

Several thousand of the women are employed as car and engine cleaners and oilers, and the Prussian and Bavarian railroads also have several hundred female depot porters and switch tenders. In Wuerttemberg two female station masters have been appointed recently, and a young woman who graduated from college a year ago is in charge of a large freight depot in Baden. As a rule, the women give entire satisfaction, and most of them will remain in the service after the war.

ANOTHER WILD NIGHT

High Northwest Winds and Snow Prevail, Forcing Mercury in Thermometers Down to Four Degrees.

Conditions last night were more weird than at any time during the present winter. The Frost King made a sudden descent upon this city and section Friday night, and his second visit last night was not anticipated. The weather during the day had been cold with a stiff southerly wind. About half past nine o'clock last night it suddenly veered to the west and later to the northwest and "blew great guns." Snow began to fly in the meantime, and the wind increasing in velocity, while clouds were wafted through the streets, rendering pedestrianism extremely difficult. The mercury was falling rapidly, and the comparatively few people caught upon the streets, mostly such as were returning from churches, rushed to their homes. Other Alexandrians were in Washington when the storm broke, and they, too, had an unenviable experience.

The wind roared throughout the night, seemingly gaining momentum after the snow ceased to fall, and between four and five o'clock this morning it reached its highest velocity, about sixty miles an hour.

Conditions on the river this morning were suggestive of scenes in Siberia. Ice about two inches thick extended from shore to shore.

The steamer Southland, from Norfolk, reached this port about two hours late on account of the storm. Her officers reported encountering ice from the mouth of the river to Alexandria. The mercury in thermometers in this city was down to four degrees above zero.

The public schools were closed this afternoon on account of the intense cold.

VIRGINIANS INTERESTED

In Perkins-Field Wedding to Take Place in New York City on Wednesday.

The Richmond Evening Journal of Saturday published the following: Of great interest here is the marriage of Miss Nancy Keene Perkins, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Moncure Perkins and granddaughter of Colonel Chiswell Dabney Langhorne, of Richmond and "Mirador," near Greenwood, Va., to Mr. Henry Marshall Field, of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Field, jr., and grandson of Mr. Marshall Field, the world-famous merchant. The wedding will be Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, 127 east 73rd street, Now York, uncle and aunt of the bride-elect, the Rt. Rev. Patrick V. Hayes, D.D., of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, being the celebrant Miss Perkins will be attended by her cousin, Mrs. George Post, formerly Miss Irene Langhorne Gibson, as matron of honor, while the maids of honor are to be Miss Alice Moncure Perkins, her sister, and Miss Flora Payne Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, of New York. Mr. Field will have as his best man his brother, Mr. Marshall Field, III, of Chicago. Miss Perkins will have a gown of white chiffon made with a court train of embroidered satin, and her veil of tulle will be caught with orange blossoms and jewels. After the ceremony Mr. Field and his bride will leave for a honeymoon to Honolulu, later living in Chicago for the winter and in Albemarle county in the summer. The wedding is to be a quiet one owing to the recent mourning in the family of the bride-elect. Among those going from Richmond will be Colonel Chiswell Dabney Langhorne, Mrs. Harry Langhorne, Mr. William Langhorne of Albermarle, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Buckner Wall, Miss Martha Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert G. Leigh, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Hobson.

Notice Annual Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fidelity Storage Company will be held at its office 122 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, Wednesday February 14th, at 3 o'clock.

22-12t P. H. SMYTH, Secretary.

Select Crabs and Clams at
Jacob Brill's Restaurant,
Foot of King street.

SEVEN HOUSES IN RUINS

Fire in Northern Section of City This Morning During High Wind Causes Great Damage.

About ten o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sounded when the upper story of the house No. 927 Montgomery street, occupied as a grocery by Richard Murphy was found to be burning. The wind at that time was blowing from the northwest not less than fifty miles an hour, while the mercury was down to about ten degrees. It was realized at once that the firemen had a difficult work before them, and all the apparatus was soon upon the ground. But the house in which the fire originated being of wood, as were those adjoining and contiguous thereto, the flames spread rapidly and the fire, fanned by the high wind, sent embers east and southeast. There was naturally great excitement in the neighborhood, and furniture was soon removed from houses in the wake of the conflagration.

The firemen, as they invariably do, worked heroically, while ice was forming upon their coats and hats, and only after incessant toil and while exposed to a veritable blizzard did they succeed in checking what at first appeared to be a fire which was destinal to spread to the river.

Seven houses, occupied by white and colored persons, contiguous to Murphy's store were completely destroyed, while two were badly damaged.

During the progress of the conflagration embers sailed through the air a distance of three squares, some of which fell upon a house occupied by Henry Shellborn, on north Washington street, and near the old canal basin. This structure was virtually destroyed.

The damage is estimated at about $16,000.

During the time the fire was raging it looked at times as though the saw and planing mill of W. A. Smoot & Co., at the extreme northern end of Columbus street, was doomed, especially when Shellborn's house, a short distance away, became enveloped in flames. The heroic work of the firemen, however, prevented this by confining most of the fire to Montgomery street, where it originated. The firemen were at work about two hours.

After the fire had been subdued four of the firemen found they had been frost-bitten from the exposure they had endured. Two were taken to the Alexandria Hospital for treatment and the others are being treated at their homes.

COOKSHOP FLOODED.

Pipe in Toilet Room in Fairfax Street Side of City Hall Breaks During Night And Runs Into Mrs. Cook's Eating House.

The water pipe running from the toilet room in the eastern section of the City Hall adjoining the jury room of the Corporation Court broke last night, flooding the rooms on the ground floor used by Mrs. Fanny Cook as a eating house. The water froze as fast as it spread upon her premises, and this morning when the proprietress opened her place of business she found the floor, tables, stove and everything in the place covered with ice. The larder was, of course, ruined, and the equipment of the place badly damaged. The cold was severe and Mrs. Cook and her assistants were compelled to take refuge in the Market Master's office adjoining.

The pipe which caused the trouble is said to have been a source of annoyance for some time. Last night it froze and the break followed.

Bill to Buy Bull Run Lands.

Representative Carlin of Virginia is endeavoring to find an opportunity for the passage through Congress of his bill authorizing the purchase by the government of certain lands on the battlefields of Bull Run. The measure calls for the purchase of the land through the Secretary of War, a commission of army officers having already recommended it. It also provides for the repair and protection of two monuments on the field.

The sum of $50,000 is authorized for the purposes carried in the bill.

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AMERICA AROUSED.

The United States since the outbreak of the fearful war in Europe has acted upon the principle of the late Southern Confederacy—they asked to be let alone. But anxiety was manifested from the first when it was realized that Germany had determined to act upon the principle that no nation had any rights she was bound to respect. Breaches of international law followed in close succession, and within two years approximately two hundred Americans lost their lives by the overt acts of the Teutons. President Wilson, while the country was incensed beyond measure, worked assiduously to bring about pacific relations between the United States and Germany, and there is reason to believe that some high in authority in Berlin acted with him. The von Tirpitz propaganda was abandoned, and the United States was assured that no further affronts need be anticipated by this country. But the nation which looked upon the treaty with Belgium as a scrap of paper deliberately repudiated her promises to President Wilson and recently notified the world that ruthless submarining was to be carried on, and that if vessels of neutral countries were found in certain prescribed areas they would be sunk. There was but one thing to do, and President Wilson has done it. Relations with Germany have been severed, the ambassador at Washington given his passports, and the country now awaits eventualities.

Many believe there will be no actual war. The skies today seem to be less ominous than on Saturday, as straws are flying through the air which attract attention.

Former Ambasador Bernstorff is quoted as saying there will be no war between Germany and the United States, and, further, that if America should declare war Germany would not fight this country.

The sinking of the American steamer Housatonic by a German submarine has caused great resentment, and the report that the American liner Philadelphia had been sunk added fuel to the flames. The country put on its war paint immediately. Politics were regarded as matters of secondary importance, and nearly everybody was ready to support the President. Citizens of German birth all over the country were quick to announce themselves as American citizens, and ready to fight for the flag of their adopted country. Among the first to offer themselves as soldiers were Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his sons.

Our southern country was equally aroused, old Virginia especially, and should a resort to arms become inevitable, as has ever been the case, the Old Dominion will be found in the first ranks of the defenders of the country.

There is still much to cause us to entertain the hope that there will be no war, but the American eagle which carries an olive branch in its right claw (showing that it first desires peace) and a bunch of arrows in the other (indicating that it will fight if necessary) is now holding its left claw to insolent Germany after the proffer in its right has been treated with contempt.

FAILURE OF RUTHLESSNESS.

The Philadelphia Record voices the opinion of the civilized world when it says a great many German fallacies are summed up in the statement made by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in defending the new unrestricted submarine warfare to a committee of the Reichstag that "when the most ruthless methods are considered best calculated to lead us to victory, and swift victory, I said, then they must be employed." This is the principle upon which Germany has acted ever since August 1, 1914, but she is no nearer victory now than then. This policy was adopted in its most repulsive form in the invasion of Belgium, when, in order to terrorize the populace, hundreds of helpless peasants were lined up and shot down in cold blood for no greater offense than occasional sniping by some irresponsible youth. This disgusting brutality, which amazed the whole civilized world, failed to break the spirits of the Belgians and has not brought Germany one step nearer victory.

The same ruthlessness, so much admired by Germans on the specious reasoning that it was most humane in the end, marked the inauguration of the submarine campaign against England in February, 1915. It bore its most perfect flower in the sinking of the Lusitania, where hundreds of innocent women and children were sent to their graves by a German torpedo without any offense whatever on their part. Among the innumerable stupid blunders that have marked the Teutonic methods of warfare this was easily the most colossal. All mankind stood aghast at this brutish display of blind rage. It brought Germany almost to war with the United States, which compelled her to recede from such murderous tactics.

The execution of Miss Cavell, the killing of Captain Fryatt, the bombardment of unprotected English seaside resorts, the dropping of Zeppelin bombs upon unfortified cities and the recent deportation of thousands of Belgians from their homes are all manifestations of that same callous and abject disregard for all humane considerations which, according to the German Chancellor, "is best calculated to lead us to victory and swift victory." Needless to say, they have nowhere had such a result. Germany's victories have been over small and feeble nations such as Belgium, Servia, Montenegro and Rumania. France, inspired by such really great victories as the battle of the Marne and the triumph at Verdun, stands undaunted. So do Great Britain and Russia. They scorn the Kaiser's bullying methods.

There is not the smallest reason to suppose that Germany's new submarine campaign against Great Britain will be any more effective than that of two years ago. Many precious lives may be lost and many vessels sunk, but the world is not going to surrender its rights at the insolent behest of Berlin. Especially will the United States remain unmoved by this latest display of Teutonic savagery. Even if it leads this nation into war, that will be far preferable to any sign of yielding to brutal methods which have failed of their end wherever tried. The United States cannot shrink when Belgium has stood unterrified before the whip of the slave-driver.

SUBDUED STUBBORN FIRE.

The sudden breaking out of a fire among wooden buildings in the northern section of the city this morning naturally caused great terror to people whose all is in that quarter. The atmosphere was frigid while a high northeast wind was raging, blowing snow through the streets, and sending burning embers squares away.

When the alarm was sounded firemen in every part of the city dropped their different occupations and hurried to the scene. Fire hydrants were frozen and when water was forced into the pipes after great toil in the biting air it froze almost as soon as it left the hose. Nothing daunted, however, the men worked heroically under all these disadvantages, and after about two hours succeeded in checking the flames and saving contiguous property.

Four of the men were frost bitten from exposure.

The heroism of Alexandria firemen is well-known, and their noble work this morning in subduing a conflagration which naturally caused so much alarm is appreciated not only by those vitally interested, but by the entire community.

AS YOU MAKE IT.

To the preacher, life's a sermon,
To the joker, it's a jest;
To the miser, life is money,
To the loafer, life is rest.
To the lawyer, life's a trial,
To the poet, life's a song;
To the doctor, life's a patient
Who needs treatment right along.
To the soldier, life's a battle,
To the teacher, life's a school;
Life's a good thing to the grafter,
It's a failure to the fool.
To the man upon the engine
Life's a long and heavy grade;
It's a gamble to the gambler,
To the merchant, life is trade.
Life is but a long vacation
To the man who loves his work;
Life's an everlasting effort
To shun duty, to the shirk.
Life is what we try to make it—
Brother, what is life to you?
—E. S. Kiser, in The Craftsman.

GUARDING STEAMERS.

German Vessels at American Ports Under Strictest Surveilance.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—Upon instructions from Washington W. H. Berry, collector of the port, last night ordered the officers and crews of the German liner Prinz Oskar and Rhaetia and the Austrian merchantmen Francona confined to their vessels. The guard about the ships was materially increased after the order became effective. The three crews aggregate about 50 men. The orders from the Treasury Department requested the cooperation of the customs officials in this city and the immigration station at Gloucester, N. J., Commissioner of Immigration Hughes said that he would immediately take appropriate measures to cooperate with the force of customs inspectors already guarding the three ships which have been self-interned at this port since the war started. The crews, he added, would be closely confined and no one will be allowed to board the vessels without proper credentials.

Officials at the Philadelphia navy yard yesterday broke the censorship placed over their activities long enough to deny the reported attempt to scuttle the torpedo boat destroyer Jacob Jones. One report, which emanated from several unofficial sources at the yard, was to effect that the sea valves on the Jones had been deliberately opened and that two feet of water was found in the hold. In his denial Lieut. Comdr. Allen, aid to Commandant Russell characterized the report as "amusing" and said the vessel had been been brought to the yard merely for repairs to her turbines.

Boston, Feb. 4—The crews of five German steamers and one Austrian at this port were ordered confined to their vessels in orders received by local customs officials from the Treasury Department at Washington yesterday. Many members of the crews had left their vessels within the last two days, most of them with personal belongings and others with parts of the steamers' equipment.

About 400 men are affected. Provison was made for increasing the guards about vessels to inforce the order.

BOY KILLS HIS MOTHER

Quarreling Over Girl, He Fires Bullet Into Her Head.

Baltimore, Feb. 5.—Crazed because of a false accusation made against him regarding his sweetheart and because of a quarrel with his mother over his desire to enlist in the army, George W. A. Cooper 18 years old, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Mary Cooper.

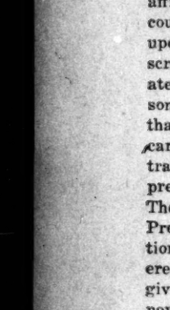
As soon as the shot was fired the son, realizing what he had done, dropped the pistol to the floor, and stood dazed. Then seeing that his father was reaching for the pistol and fearing that he would use it on himself, picked it up again and broke it, throwing the bullets to the floor.

Seeing his mother lying on the floor in a dying condition, he made a made rush for a physician, whose assistant, on hearing the boy say that he had shot his mother, telephoned to the police.

The partol was rushed to the scene and Mrs. Cooper was taken to Franklin Square Hospital, where she died a few minutes later.

The Norweigan steamship Ymir, 11,233 tons, has been sunk by a submarine, according to announcement in London. Part of the crew was saved.

Washington hears that sinking of the Housatonic, American freighter Housatonic, off Scilly Islands on Saturday, was in accord with principles of international law and not "overt act." Full details cabled to State Department by American Consul Stephens at Falmouth, England.



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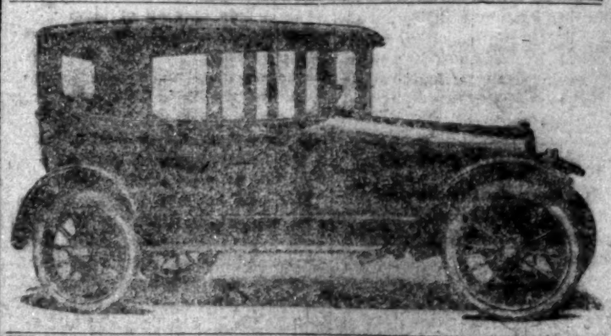

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Negotiations have been completed for the purchase by the Times-Dispatch Publishing Company, Inc., of the ten-story office and newspaper building in south 10th street, in the heart of Richmond's business and financial district, which has been the home of the Times-Dispatch for a little more than three years. The purchase price was $310,000. The building was erected by the Bryan estate in the summer of 1912, as a permanent home for this newspaper

Pete Burkett, driver of a grocery delivery wagon, was run down Friday at a street crossing in Pulaski by a Norfolk and Western passenger train and so seriously injured that he died within two hours. The horse was killed and the wagon demolished. Burkett was fourteen years old.

The first "hard cider" case to come up in Virginia under the new Prohibition law was decided at Harrisonburg Circuit Court. J. Calvin Bare, of Genoa, Rockingham county, was fined $50 and given 30 days in jail for unlawfully dispensing cider that by analysis contained more than the 1 per cent. of alcohol allowed by law. Bare was released on $500 bail, his attorneys having moved for a new trial. The two barrels of cider found on Bare's premises showed by analysis to be 2.49 and 5.51 per cent of alcohol. The analysis was made in Richmond.

William F. Campbell, the 2 year old son of Mr. John Campbell, of Belmont, near Charlottesville, was fatally burned Friday afternoon at the home of his parents. During the absence of the mother who had gone to a near-by store to make some purchases, the child in some way got too close to a stove and its clothing caught afire.

R. L. Stultz, until recently news editor of the Daily Independent, of Harrisonburg, was fined $50 and given thirty days in jail Friday, on conviction of receiving more than the legal allowance of one quart of whisky a month. Seven other men also were given similar punishment for violations of the new prohibition law. Stultz's case will be appealed to the Supreme Court, if necessary, and it is not improbable that a petition for a pardon will be sent to Governor Stuart. Stultz is out on bail of $500.

Fire in Covington in the heart of the business district Saturday burned more than $100,000 worth of property, and for a time threatened to wipe out the entire business section of the town.

Fire discovered at an early hour Saturday morning damaged the plant of the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company, of Roancke, to the extent of $200,000.

Railroads have been ordered not to supply coal to foreign ships on new contracts, it was learned Saturday night, in Norfolk. All American warships at the navy-yard are guarded, and sentries are holding up everybody except officers of the government service.

The coast-guard cutter Yamacraw the battleship Arkansas and a squad of thirty artillerymen and a lieutenant from Fort Monroe are doing neutrality duty at Newport News. Collector of Customs Norman R. Hamilton, had ordered that a close watch be kept on the German steamer Arcadia and the Austrian steamer Budapest, tied up for safety.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a three-story building and seriously damaged one of the city's skyscrapers in the downtown business district of Charlotte, N. C., Saturday night, with a damage estimated at $150,000, partially covered by insurance. The Johnston Building was totally destroyed and the Commercial National Bank Building, 12 stories, on an opposite corner, was damaged.

While no decision has been reached officially, there is a very decided sentiment in all official quarters to abandon the public ceremonies of inauguration on March 5, and simply have the President take the oath of office in the White House on Sunday March 4, The army and navy reception at the White House probably will be abandoned.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

President Wilson has appealed to all neutral nations to join with the United States in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany in the interests of peace, it was learned here late last night. The representatives of the United States in all neutral capitals have been instructed to report as soon as possible how the various nations receive the suggestion of the President.

Diplomatic machinery was set in motion last night at the State Department to secure from the entente allies safe conduct guarantees for the return to Germany of Ambassador, Count J. H. von Bernstorff, and members of his official family. This government's formal request may go forward to the entente capitals probably today. Officials are certain that the safe conduct will be issued at once.

Detachments of the New York Naval Militia, equipped as infantrymen, yesterday patroled and guarded the five great East River bridges connecting Manhattan with Long Island. At sunset five naval militia tugs, one an ocean going vessel, began steaming up and down the river in proximity to the structures warning all river craft not to approach within 50 feet of the bridge piers. Special vigilance was exercised at the Manhattan, Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges. Destruction of any one of these bridges, it was pointed out, would interfere seriously with the departure of warships from the New York navy yard.

In his stocking feet and with his clothes stained with blood from several scalp wounds, Dr. H. V. Treakle, 50 years old, of White Stone, Va., in a dazed condition found his way to the southeast Washington pumping station shortly before daylight yesterday morning. The Emergency Hospital ambulance was called. At the hospital Dr. Treakle said he had been attacked by two negroes during the night. He was robbed of his watch and chain, about $20 in money and his shoes and overcoat. He said that following the assault he could not remember what happened or how long he wandered about the streets before reaching the pumping station. Physicians at the hospital stated yesterday that his condition was not serious.

Continuance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary was declared last night to hang on a very slender thread, with a rapid exchange of views taking place in an eleventh hour hope of saving an apparently hopeless situation. Two reasons, the condition in which it would leave prisoners whose interests are now cared for by the American diplomats and the futility of any further purely formal step, make officials loath to extend the break with Germany to Austria. America's moral protest against Germany's policy of sea ruthlessness is felt to have been adequately driven home by the most serious step short of war that this country could take. Similar action against Austria is thought not to be justified unless Austria precipitates the necessity herself.

It is said in Rio de Janeiro that Brazil may break with Germany following the action by United States.

It is reported that virtually all the machinery and engines of the 23 German steamers lying in Phillipine ports have been damaged by their crews. Seventeen of these vessels are interned at Manila, three at Cebu and three at Zamboanga. The damage in some cases is said to have been done 36 hours before the first report of the break in the relations between the United States and Germany. The Filipino crews of the steamers have been discharged, the crews of the steamers at Cebu have been excluded from the engine rooms. The government has redoubled its precautions concerning the ships, but there have been no seizures. The American squadron has returned to Manila from target practice, and is patrolling the bay.

Police Justice Crutchfield of Richmond came near sending a colored lawyer to jail for contempt Saturday. The attorney, who looked like a recent graduate from a northern college and who spoke with a decided "down east" accent, was counsel for Wallace Ragland, colored, charged with stealing gas and water fixtures from vacant premises, when Justice Crutchfield sent Ragland to the roads for six months on one of the charges, the attorney stepped up with the query: "Doesn't your conscience hurt you for imposing such a heavy penalty?" Instead of deigning to answer the question, Justice Crutchfield eyed the negro lawyer sharply and said: "I've a great mind to fine you." "Don't worry about that," returned the attorney. "I can pay any fine you may impose." Whereupon Justice Crutchfield remarked that there was a place he might be sent from which he could not pay his way out. "But that place wasn't made for me," retorted the lawyer.

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8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations, Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:23 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

4:22 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, and Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham, Dining car service, Tourist to California daily.

4:02 P. M.—Daily local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Asheville.

10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke Dining car service.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.

4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, sleeping cars and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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INCOME TAX RETURNS

Mr. J. R. Weaver, Deputy Collector of the Income Tax service of the Sixth District of Virginia, will be in Alexandria on Friday February 9th, and will be glad to aid and assist anyone who desires to see him relative to making their corporation or individual income tax returns.

Mr. Weaver will be in the office of Stamp Deputy G. K. Pickett, in the Federal building.

A movement has been started looking to the abandonment of the Lynchburg jail because it is no longer profitable to the city sergeant to maintain it under the fee system. Many prisoners now are kept at the city farm, eight miles from the city, and it is claimed that the few people held for trial can be confined in the recently remodeled police station.

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GERMAN SHIPS IMMUNE.

Impending Seizures In American Ports Officially Denied

Persistent reports of impending seizure of German freight and passenger ships war bound in American ports, led to an authorized statement for the government last night that such a step was not even under consideration.

It was pointed out that while port authorities would take necessary precautions to safeguard navigation, for the government to seize these ships, in American harbors as visitors under their own flag, would be an aggression which might be construed as hostile to Germany.

Collectors of customs have been instructed by the Treasury Department to be particularly careful in the present emergency, and those at ports where German ships are laid up have provided special guards above the vessels.

To meet the problem resulting from members of the German crews deserting and coming ashore, the immigration bureau is cooperating with the customs officers. The sailors will be held pending a decision as to their disposition.

Preliminary reports to the War Department on boarding of the four German ships at Cristobal Saturday by Canal Zone authorities indicate that the action was made necessary by information that an attempt was about to be made to sink the ships off the entrance to the Panama Canal.

Department officials said actual seizure of the ships was not contemplated.

WILL CONVOY SHIPS.

British Have 4,000 Ships for Escort in Groups.

New York, Feb. 5.—Shipping circles in this city, it is learned from the highest sources, believe that the British government will be able to meet the German declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare with little more difficulty than has been experienced hitherto in moving ocean traffic in face of the constant menace of the mine and the torpedo. In fact, it is believed that the rigorous British blockade of the North Sea, which went into effect during the first two weeks in January, may have been largely responsible for Germany's sudden determination to repudiate the pledges she had given to the United States.

One of the means to which the British admiralty is likely to have resort to thwart submarine raiders is said to be a return to the system of convoys which obtained in naval warfare during the days of sail. Under this plan allied merchantmen would sail in groups under escort of cruisers and destroyers. It is contended for it that attack by submarine upon such squadron would be almost impossible, unless the submarine was prepared to pay the price of her own destruction. The convoy system, it is thought, would be less expensive in the long run than wholesale armament of individual merchantmen, and, moreover, according to British experts, the individual merchantmen, no matter how heavily armed, is always at a disadvantage in fighting a submarine.

The new and intensified British blockade, which is reported to have been put in force last month, is based on the use of some 4,000 warships and auxiliaries, ranging from steam trawlers and 35-knot submarine chasers, built in this country, to fast cruisers and destroyers of the older classes. The area under patrol has been mapped out into squares; every square is occupied by a certain vessel and her relief, which never leave that square, except to answer a wireless call from a neighboring square for assistance.

EFFECT IN GERMANY.

News of Rupture Received With Comparative Calm.

Stockholm, Feb 5.—Private advices from Berlin say the announcement of the rupture of relations between the United States and Germany was received with comparative calm by the people.

"Judging by the news received from the United States, the feeling there against the Germans is incomparably more bitter than the feeling here against Americans," says a dispatch from Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Press dispatches have reached Berlin, according to which diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States have been broken off, says the Overseas News Agency. No official confirmation has been received.

"In case the news is correct," adds the agency, "the general feeling in Germany is regret that the American President gave to the German note an interpretation which was not intended by Germany. The German measures are not intended to damage neutrals, but were caused by the necessity of defending Germany against hostile measures which are contrary to international law, Germany's enemies, therefore, being charged with the whole responsibility."

AMERICAN PRISONERS

Germany Yields to U. S. Demands For Their Quick Release.

Berlin, Feb. 5. —Germany yesterday acceded to the American demands for the immediate release of the 72 Americans taken from ships sunk by the raider in the Atlantic and brought to a German port aboard the steamer Yarrowdale.

Washington, Feb. 5—One of the last things to be done by the United States government before severing diplomatic relations with Germany was to demand that the Americans taken by the German raider from the British steamers Georgic, Mount Temple and Voltaire, and who were being held in German prison camps, be released. A Washington dispatch Saturday said there were 60 of these men. Germany in holding them had contended that as paid members of the crews of armed enemy merchantmen they were due no immunity.

ONE QUART A MONTH

Amendment to Yost Law Passes West Virginia Legislature, and Now Goes to Governor.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 5.—An amendment to the Yost law prohibiting the bringing by any one person of more than one quart of liquor into the State a month was passed by the House of Delegates here Wednesday by a vote of 86 to 5. The measure has already passed the Senate, and now goes to the Governor.

The bill provides for a sentence of from two to six months in jail and a fine of from $100 to $500 for the first violation, and one to five years in the penitentiary for the second offense.

DR. McKIM ON THE SITUATION.

Former Rector of Christ Church Believes War Will Occur During Next Few Days.

Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, formerly rector of Christ Episcopal Church, of Alexandria, now in charge of Epiphany Church, of Washington, believes war between Germany and the United States is inevitable. Dr. McKim was a Confederate soldier during the war between the states. He says:

"That war must come is deplorable, but that war had to come was inevitable. The action of the President was the only honorable move he could have made. To have done otherwise would have have meant the abdication of all honor, of all respect, of all that a nation holds dear.

"To have done otherwise would have been silent recognition of ruthless warfare upon innocent humanity; it would have been a repudiation of the nation's duty to protect its citizens and their property on land and sea. The entire natio nstands unitedly behind President Wilson in his action and will continue to stand behind him through all those dreadful consequences that may spring from the move."

Grateful Lady Says, "It's My Duty"

Relieved of Indigestion, Gas on Stomach, Feels She Owes it to Community to Make Statement.

When a person comes forward with a statement like the one below, it certainly shows a deep interest in this city's welfare, and should convince anyone of the great merits of the new medicine, Dreco Mrs. M. Fisher, of 311 Fourth street, southeast, a very prominent and highly esteemed lady in this section, handed this signed statement to Dreco representative, recently.

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"For a long time I have suffered with indigestion Immediately after eating I would experience that awful distressing feeling. Gas would form and make me thoroughly uncomfortable. I had to be continually taking something for temporary relief. There is no telling how much money I have spent trying first this and that medicine, taking everything I heard of. Reading of what Dreco was doing for others, I got a bottle and have received more benefits than from all the other medicines put together. I am now on my second bottle, and expect to continue the treatment as I feel confident it will effect a permanent cure. Truly, Dreco is a wonderful medicine and I cannot recommend it too highly."

Surely a statement like that should convince persons suffering from any form of stomach trouble such as sourness, gas, pains, heartburn, chocking sensations, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney, bladder, liver affection, dizziness, or that most common complaint, constipation.

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BRAVES GUN FOR BRIDE.

The Rev. H. C. Owens Weds Miss Clark Despite Opposition.

Upper Marlboro, Md., Feb. 5.—Despite the opposition of an irate father who, according to report, used a shotgun to warn his daughters admirer to keep away from his home, the Rev. Howard Clifton Owens, 28 years old, pastor of the Methodist circuit which embraces the church at Oxon Hill and Bell's Chapel, and Miss Eva Clark, 17 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Egnert Clark, near Oxon. were married Friday morning at the home of Robert E. Bell, near Rosecroft, Prince George's county, by the Rev. J. R. Cavileer, pastor of the Methodist Church at Forestville.

It is said the young minister met his sweetheart last Sunday evening in the road near the girl's home, and that their meeting was rudely interrupted by Mr. Clark, who, it is stated, fired in the direction of the clergyman as a warning that his company could be dispensed with.

The young suitor was not deterred and between 10 and 11 o'clock Thursday night, it is stated, met Miss Clark on the road near her home and accompanied her to the home of Mr. Bell, where she spent the night with her chum and schoolmate, Miss Dorothy Bell.

Early yesterday morning Mr. Clark noticed the absence of his daughter and, calling up the Washington police, asked that a search be made. Meanwhile, the Rev. Mr. Cavileer and former treasurer of the county, George W. Hardy, were on their way to Marlboro, where a marriage license for the young minister and Miss Clark was secured. They repaired at once to the home of Mr. Bell, where Mr. Cavileer performed the ceremony in th presence of a dozen or so witnesses.

The bride's father secured a warrant from Justice of the Peace Benson P. McDaniel at Oxon Hill, charging the clergyman with abduction. Immediately after the wedding the bridegroom appeared before Justice McDaniel and gave $500 bond for his appearance February 12, his bondsman being Mr. Hardy. All of the parties interested are members of the Methodist Church in the Oxon Hill neighborhood.

AUCTION SALES.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.
S. H. LUNT, Auctioneer.
Saturday, January 27, 1917.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, entered on the 16th day of November, 1916, in the chancery cause of Edgar R. Troxell, et als., vs. The Capital City Telephone Company, et. als., the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, in front of the premises, No. 309 King Street, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, 1917, at twelve o'clock the following described property of the Capital City Telephone Company, to-wit: The entire plant, consisting of the switchboard and central office system, situated at No. 309 King Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and the poles, wires and overhead telephone system now owned by the said Company, within the City and County of Alexandria, and Fairfax County, and the exclusive right to use, for exchange purposes, within the said City and Counties, the United States patents, Nos. 423, 788, 562, 013, 102,011, 010, 009; and any other patent rights, tools, machinery and property of all sorts, belonging to the said Telephone Company, and all other personal property now owned by the said Company and not herein described. Also all legal rights and privileges belonging to the said Company by virtue of contracts now existing between the Company and persons or corporations using, or expecting to use, its telephone system.

Terms of Sale: 1-3 of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in two installments at six and twelve months from the date of sale, title to be retained until the full purchase price is paid: or the purchaser may pay the whole of the purchase money in cash.

SAMUEL G. BRENT,
Commissioner.

I, Nevell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, do certify that Samuel G. Brent, Commissioner in the aforementioned suit, has executed the bond as required by the decree of sale entered in said suit.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY,
Clerk.
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POSTPONED

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Robert N. Thomas was dismissed from the teaching force of the Richmond school system Saturday afternoon at a special meeting of the City School Board, called at the conclusion of the eight-hour investigation of charges against him on Friday night. The charge of which Mr. Thomas was found guilty was that he had caused to be published false statements to the detriment of the school authorities.

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WANTED—To buy old Hickory and Mahogany chairs, one hundred years old, Apply Jas. LaPorte, 122 S. Royal St. 28-6t.

WANTED—Old False Teeth. Don't matter if broken. I pay $1.00 to $5.00 per set Mail to L. Mazer, 2007 S. Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa., Will send cash by return mail. 26-10t.

All persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. Eliza Greenough, deceased will present the same properly certified for payment.

John M. Johnson,
Executor of Mrs. Eliza Greenough.
29-10t.

Having qualified as Executor of Charles A. Simpson, all persons having claims against his estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned, properly certified for payment, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned. J. E. W. Timberman,
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